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AMERICA WILL INSIST ON AN EXPLANATION

RIGHTS AND LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE ON THE SEAS MUST BE RESPECTED

WILSON'S NOTE TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT OPENS A CORRESPONDENCE THAT MAY LEAD TO WAR

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 12.—President Wilson today virtually completed the note he will send Germany as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania. It asks Germany for an accounting for a series of violations of American rights in the war zone, not only financial but moral, and a guarantee that there will be no repetition of unlawful practices by German submarines.

STATEMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Following is the statement regarding the Lusitania made public at the White House today by Secretary Tamm, after a conference with the president:

"The course of the president has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as proper to publish the note now in preparation."

The note will be sent Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, either late today or early tomorrow, for transmission to the German government.

CONSEQUENCES MAY FOLLOW

The president realizes the gravity of the meaning in the note and is prepared for any consequences.

The note does not say exactly what course the United States will follow in case of Germany's refusal, but it is declared not impossible in official circles.

A LONG SERIES OF WRONGS

While no official announcement has been made it was learned that the United States would insist upon the explanation of a series of incidents including the sinking of the Falaba, the torpedoing of the steamer Gulf Light and the sinking of the Lusitania. It is said the president voices the intense feeling of the United States over the happenings and in the name of international law demands Germany's adherence to the established rules of maritime warfare. He will act promptly demanding the guarantees of the German government circular to neutral countries. Assuming the responsibility and promising reparation for damage in the war zone to neutral vessels will not effect the president's determined course.

President Wilson yesterday listened to the expressions of members of the cabinet on the policy they believed the United States should adopt as a result of the sinking by a German torpedo of the British liner Lusitania, with a loss of more than one hundred American lives.

The White House staff is busy with a deluge of messages almost unprecedented in magnitude. Telegrams almost unanimously expressed confidence in the president in the present crisis, and while most of them expressed a desire that something be done to show the indignation of the United States over the sinking of the Lusitania, many strongly opposed a recourse to war.

AMERICA MUST TAKE SOME ACTION

Chicago, May 12.—Jacob M. Dickinson, secretary of war under Taft, issued a statement last night saying he had great confidence in the president and believed that he would not only sustain our national dignity, but will exhaust all possible means consistent with our national dignity before committing the country to war. He said:

"It is not likely that Germany will disavow her purpose to destroy the Lusitania with the full knowledge of the fact that this involved many American lives. In view of the result warning will be given by our government to Germany that some proper action must be taken or the American government will incur the contempt of

the world and the contempt of a vast number of its own people."

Mr. Dickinson added that if war comes it should only be upon the condition that we are clearly in the right.

GENERAL PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY

Ocala, Fla., May 12, 1915.

To the Hon. W. S. Bullock, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit:

We, the grand jurors, sworn and empaneled at this, the spring term, of the circuit court in and for Marion county, Florida, A. D. 1915, having completed our labors, beg to submit this, our final presentment:

We have investigated a great many cases, and have made true bills only in those cases where we thought the evidence would justify a conviction.

We desire to recommend to our representatives in the House and Senate of the legislature that they use their efforts towards the passage of a bill that will place the justices of the peace upon a salary basis. We believe that a salary of \$100 per year for the criminal business that they handle, and fees that they now receive for civil business, would be an equitable salary, and recommend this to our representatives in the legislature.

Some complaint is being made that "blind tigers" are operating in this county, and we desire to request that the sheriff and other officers use their best efforts to stop this violation of the law.

We also find that in a great many instances a justice of the peace will endeavor to use his office for the purpose of collecting accounts. We deplore this state of affairs and recommend that such conduct cease.

We also find complaint that a great many parties do not pay their occupational license until long after same is due. We recommend that the sheriff and tax collector cooperate to the end that all persons shall pay this tax promptly when due.

We have examined the county jail and find same to be in a thorough sanitary condition. We also find that the prisoners are well cared and provided for. We desire to compliment the jailor and the sheriff for their efficiency in this matter.

We have examined the courthouse and find same in bad condition, and recommend that the roof be repaired and that the floor in the offices of the tax collector and county judge be repaired. We also recommend that the county commissioners provide for a ladies' toilet at some convenient place in the courthouse. We find that the building is not kept clean and in a sanitary condition; that the furniture is very often covered with dust, and that the toilets are filthy and unsanitary, and that the janitor is not doing his duty. We are advised that the county is paying the present janitor \$50 a month for his services. We do not think he is earning this money and feel sure that the building could be well and neatly kept for this sum of money. We recommend that the county commissioners investigate this matter thoroughly, and if the present janitor does not do his duty that some one be placed in his stead who will.

We request that a copy of this presentment be mailed by the clerk of the court to our senator and each of our representatives, and that same be published in the local papers.

We desire to thank his honor for his able charge and assistance in the discharge of our duty. We also desire to extend our thanks to the state attorney and other officers for the assistance rendered us. We now ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Moseley, Foreman.
H. D. Stokes, Clerk.

ROUSED BRITISH TO RAGE

Sinking the Lusitania has Caused Ill Treatment of Germans all Over England

(Associated Press)

London, May 12.—Anti-German outbreaks of particular severity occurred in the neighborhood of the East India docks and throughout the East End today. Between sixty and seventy German shops were wrecked. Germans were attacked whenever they showed themselves. Police reinforcements were rushed to the scene.

Never since the war began has such an anti-German feeling surged through the country as now, due entirely to the sinking of the Lusitania. Workmen are refusing to labor alongside men of German birth, whether naturalized or not, and the premises Germans occupy in many towns have been damaged or destroyed.

TOM MARSHALL SPOKE A LARGE-SIZED TRUTH

Vice-President Made a Dead Center Shot at the Jingoos

Tupelo, Miss., May 12.—Vice-President Marshall, in discussing the Lusitania sinking, said that he considered that when persons boarded an English vessel they virtually are on English soil and must expect to stand the consequences. He declared that too many men in the United States are crying war who would not enlist unless given a position "selling goods to the commissary department."

THE BURNT CHILD DREADS THE FIRE

Canard Line Isn't Willing to Risk Another Ship

London, May 12.—The sailing of the Mauretania scheduled for May 29 has been cancelled. No Cunard liner will sail on May 15th, the date on which the Lusitania was to have started on her return trip to New York.

ANY OTHER NATION WOULD PUT THEM IN PRISON

Washington, May 12.—A banquet and reception for the officers of the interned German commerce raiders Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which was to have been held here within the next few days, has been abandoned by its promoters. Word has been sent to the officers at the Norfolk Navy Yard that because of the Lusitania disaster it was thought best not to carry out the plan.

PROBABLY BRITAIN MISUNDERSTANDS WILSON

London, May 12.—The words, "too proud to fight!" cover in huge letters most of the placards displayed on the streets of London yesterday to advertise the evening papers.

The text of President Wilson's Philadelphia speech reached London too late for general comment. The Evening Standard, however, in an editorial remarked:

"President Wilson is a high-minded man and can understand what he meant by this rather unpolitical remark. Unfortunately, Germany does not understand this kind of righteousness. If America could only, as the president says, convince Germany of her injustice to mankind, how dignified and useful would be her position as a neutral."

ITALIAN CROWDS SHOUTED "DOWN WITH AUSTRIA"

WEIGHT OF POPULAR SENTIMENT AGAIN DIPS THE SCALES TOWARD WAR

(Associated Press)

Rome, May 12.—Troops were required last night to disperse the great crowds of war enthusiasts. Crowds paraded the streets and cried, "Down with Austria! Down with Austria!" Giolitti is the former premier and considered the leader of the peace party. An attempt was made to storm his residence. Soldiers frustrated this.

The final decision rests with King Victor Emmanuel for peace or war. The king may or may not ask parliament its opinion regarding the wisest course, after Austria makes the final decision regarding territorial concessions.

CONSIDERING AUSTRIA'S LAST PROPOSAL

Rome, May 12.—Italy's course in the war was still undecided today, but there is apparently little hope of peace. What is considered the last definite proposal of Austria was received today. The cabinet is considering it.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETS THIS EVENING

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held this evening. It will be held in the new headquarters in the Carn block, and as Secretary Rooney has many important and interesting affairs to report a full attendance should be present.

ODD FELLOWS SPENT A PLEASANT EVENING

The members of Tulula Lodge had a most pleasant experience at their meeting Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance; nearly all the old standbys being present and many of those who come only once in a while.

There was no formal program, but each member was called on for a short speech, and many wise and witty things were said; and everybody felt that it was good to be there.

After the talkfest, the lodge was dismissed but before the brethren left they found material refreshment added to the ethical. Mr. C. F. Hayes, long a member of the lodge, came forward with a large cargo of his justly celebrated ice cream, which was reinforced with toothsome cake and lemonade. All feasted to the full and went home happy.

AN ELEGANT ENTERTAINMENT

The Pythian Sisters had a very pleasant evening in the Castle Hall Tuesday night. The Sisters themselves were out in force, and as it was not a ceremonial occasion, the assembly was added to by many Knights and some friends, until the hall was full.

There was a pretty music program by Misses Ruth Rents and Mabel Akin, and recitations by Mrs. Wetherbee. Judge Gohr made a fine address on the lessons of Pythianism. Pleasant conversation and music prevailed during the evening.

Much sport was caused by the archery contest in which Mr. George Rents and Master Hardy Croom displayed their skill. Hardy made a very good Cupid with his bow and arrow.

Refreshments were an important part of the program; there was cream, sherbet, soda water and delicious homemade cake in abundance.

The entertainment committee consisted of Mrs. R. T. Weaver, Mrs. H. B. Baxter and Mrs. E. T. Spencer, who were ably aided by the refreshment committee, consisting of Mrs. Forney, Mrs. Lamar and Mrs. Vandervoort.

HEARING POSTPONED

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 12.—The hearing of the case of the Riggs National Bank against Secretary McAdoo, Comptroller Williams and Treasurer Burke, accused by the bank of conspiring to wreck it, was postponed today until Monday, at the request of the government's attorneys.

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BANNER WAS SPREAD TO THE BREEZE

There was No Chance of Mistaking the Gulf Light When She was Torpedoed

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 12.—The state department has made public a sworn statement by Ralph E. Smith, chief officer of the American steamer Gulf Light, describing the torpedoing of that vessel on May 1st, off the Scilly islands.

Smith said that when the Gulf Light was torpedoed she was flying a large American ensign, six by ten feet in size. He saw the submarine, but could not distinguish or see any flag flying on her. Shortly before the submarine was sighted two British patrol boats took positions on either side of the Gulf Light and ordered her to follow them to Bishop lighthouse. "I personally observed our flag standing out well to the breeze," the officer stated.

MANY NEW BAPTISTS IN TWELVE MONTHS

An Optimistic Report Made to the Southern Convention

(Associated Press)

Houston, Texas, May 12.—Delegates from all parts of the south have arrived here to attend the annual Southern Baptist Convention, which opens today.

V. I. Masters, of Atlanta, the editorial secretary, announced last night that the total membership of the church was approximately two and a half million, an increase of more than sixty-three thousand since the last convention.

Among the subjects to come before the convention is a proposition to consolidate several convention boards, plans for aiding rural Baptist churches and a movement for increasing the foreign mission work of the church.

TRAMMELL MAY ENTER SENATORIAL RACE

Tallahassee, May 12.—Governor Trammell is not certain that he will make the race for Congress from the second congressional district to succeed Congressman Stephen M. Sparkman.

During the past few days the chief executive has been urged by friends to reconsider his announcement for Congress and to announce for the Senate against Senator Nathan P. Bryan.

Governor Trammell admits that he is giving the matter serious thought. "I have nothing to say in that connection just at present," he declared, but he confessed smilingly that he may have something to give out at an early date.

GOOD PRIZES FOR SMART MARION COUNTY GIRLS

Mrs. Caroline Moorhead is in receipt of a letter from the Farm Canning Machine Co., of Meridian, Miss., which will give in premiums this year as follows: The champion tomato club girl of the southern states will receive in cash \$50; the second best record, \$20; the third best, \$15; the fourth, \$10, and the fifth \$5. These premiums will be awarded for the young lady who makes the best general average on her canning score and any outside work that she may do. The only contestants will be members of the tomato clubs and users of the company's machines. We understand that this company will place its machines on sale in Ocala in one of the leading stores and its machine comes here with the highest recommendations.

SEE THE FARM on the Silver Springs road which furnishes the Merchant's Cafe every day with fresh vegetables, milk and eggs. 1f

GASES AND HUGE GUNS

USED BY GERMANS IN ATTACKS ON THE ALLIES

FRONTAL ATTACKS OF THE KAISER'S INFANTRY MOWED DOWN BY A MURDEROUS FIRE

(Associated Press)

London, May 12.—With the greatest battles of the war in progress—one between Arras and the Belgian coast, and the other in western Galicia—to say nothing of operations in the Dardanelles, and lesser engagements along the eastern and western fronts, the armies of the belligerents are fully occupied.

GASES AND HUGE GUNS

Around Ypres the German attack was continued against the British lines, the Germans using gases and a tremendous amount of artillery. The British are subject to a bombardment such as they received at Neuve Chapelle. The British found shelter in moving down the German infantry which attempted an advance.

REAR GUARD FIGHTING BY RUSSIANS

The Russians are making desperate efforts to stop the Austro-German onrush in Western Galicia. They are fighting in stubborn rear-guard action and endeavoring to hold the German allies until reinforcements arrive.

SAVED A BALTIC CITY

In the Baltic provinces the Russians apparently have secured a force sufficiently strong to drive back the German raiders who were threatening Mitau.

STEAMER SUNK

An Amsterdam dispatch says an unidentified steamer has been torpedoed and fired in the North Sea. The crew's fate is unknown.

ENGLISH SEE MORE AIRSHIPS

The Daily News reports the appearance of a Zeppelin over Sunderland last night. Another was seen from Yarmouth. Nothing has been heard of them since.

FINAL ATTEMPTS TO FIND THE DEAD

Queenstown, May 12.—Final attempts are being made today by tugs and patrol boats to recover the Lusitania's dead.

BODY OF VANDERBILT MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND

London, May 12.—The Daily Mail says that the body of Alfred G. Vanderbilt has been found and is being taken to Queenstown.

CLERMONT LAUNCHING AT CONNOR

Smart Little Boat Will be Wedded to the Waves Next Saturday

Connor, May 12.—The Clermont will be launched from the Connor shipyards Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. The Clermont is a trim little pleasure launch built by Lonnie Randall, a school boy. This vessel is a sister to the Josephine, a boat being constructed by the Connor and Ocala school boy, J. W. Randall. The Clermont and the Josephine are staunch boats and their lines are graceful. The motor of the Clermont is an eight horsepower Dunn marine engine. The Josephine's engine is not installed and it does not know what power it will be. J. W.'s boat is eighty-five per cent completed. At the christening and launching of the Clermont here Saturday, May 15th, dinner will be served picnic style by the river folk, and after dinner everyone lists aboard the Clermont for a spin, twenty passengers to the trip. A. A. G.

STOCK FEED

We now have on hand a full line of stock feed—corn, oats, bran, shorts, hay and molasses feeds. 14-1f Ocala Seed Store.

NEUTRAL NATIONS ARE NOTIFIED

THAT GERMANY IN FUTURE WILL TRY TO RESPECT THEIR SHIPS

(Associated Press)

Washington, May 12.—Germany, through Ambassador Gerard, has notified the United States that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts, and that Germany would pay for damage to such ships in the war zone.

Neutral ships carrying contraband will be dealt with, the announcement says, according to the rules of naval warfare. If neutral ships are accidentally damaged in the war zone Germany will express its regret and pay damages without prize court proceedings.

The German government justifies its submarine warfare on the ground that England is threatening to starve the civilian population of Germany by prohibiting neutral commerce in foodstuffs and other necessities.

CONTINUE TO TAKE CHANCES

Sinking of the Lusitania Hasn't Called Off Trans-Atlantic Ships

(Associated Press)

New York, May 12.—No general cancellation of the sailings of steamers or of passages engaged from New York to European ports has followed the sinking of the Lusitania, according to agents of steamship lines here. They say, however, that there has been an increase in the popularity of vessels flying neutral flags. The fact that the American line has stopped booking third-class passengers for the St. Louis, due to leave here Saturday, was cited as an evidence of this.

The agent of the French line said that the sinking of the Lusitania would not prevent them from sending their steamers across as usual. At the offices of the Scandinavian-American and Holland-American lines it was stated that no sailings had been cancelled.

Agents of the White Star line said the Olympic would sail from New York for Liverpool Friday, according to schedule. Forty cabin and three hundred steerage passengers already are booked for that steamer.

At the offices of the Cunard line it was said that no instructions have been received from Liverpool regarding the sailings of its steamers, and there had been no cancellations. It was estimated that two thousand three hundred and fifty passengers are on board steamships from American ports for destinations that will take them within range of German submarine activity.

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